

## **TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING**

**April 15, 2014**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Workshop Meeting was held on Tuesday April 15, 2014 in the Town Hall 284 Broadway Port Ewen, New York at 7:30 PM with the following persons in attendance:

**Supervisor John Coutant**  
**Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet - absent**  
**Councilperson Wayne Freer**  
**Councilperson Kyle Barnett**  
**Councilperson Diane L. McCord**

**Recording Administrator Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk**

Supervisor John Coutant called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

### **Public Comment:**

#### **Highway Department – Michael Cafaldo**

An opportunity has come up for Highway Superintendent Mike Cafaldo to purchase a demo paver. Repairing our current one is cost prohibitive and he is able to get a \$10,000 trade in for our existing one. Additional money has been given in CHIPS funding from the County so he has the money to purchase it. The new machine uses less man power and when we contract out for the roads, we will save around \$20,000 per mile. The paver will eventually pay for itself. The example was given using prices they obtained for repaving a section of Cow Hough Road in Rifton. It would cost \$111,000 per mile for Callanan Industries to do the work and with this new equipment it would cost the Town \$90,000 per mile saving approximately \$20,000 per mile. All present Board members were in agreement for Mike Cafaldo to purchase the paver.

Dye was put in the storm drains as discussed in a previous meeting. Jay Mauer of 211 Tilden St had been experiencing excessive ground water on his property and felt it may be caused by the Town's stormwater drainage system. The dye was put in several areas and tracked. Mr. Mauer was there to witness the testing and there was no issue with the stormwater drainage. Unfortunately he still has an issue but it has nothing to do with the Town. He is very concerned about a gas line that is located on his property. He has made Central Hudson aware of this issue and he will need to continue to address the problem with them.

There are several pieces of equipment that need to go up for bid. A minimum value will need to be determined for each item and we will accept sealed bids for this equipment. A copy of the last bid will be given to Superintendent Cafaldo. The equipment will need to be lined up and made available for the

public to view. Dates and times need to be determined and will be advertised in the paper. Information pertaining to the sealed bids will also be advertised.

### **Union/Dental Program/Approval**

The discussion of the Union Dental Program was tabled until the entire Board is available. Since the subject deals with the Union contracts it will be addressed in an executive session at a later time.

### **Scenic Hudson Request to address Town Board**

Councilperson Diane McCord mentioned that Scenic Hudson would like to make a presentation at the next Town Board Meeting. The presentation runs approximately one hour. The Town Board agreed to allot 20 minutes for them to make their presentation. Town Clerk, Holly Netter, had attended a presentation previously at the Esopus Business Alliance meeting and made a suggestion to have Scenic Hudson Video their presentation which could then be aired several times on TV 23. During the 20 minute allotment, they could give a brief summary about the program and inform people of the dates and times that the program would be aired on Channel 23. Councilperson Diane McCord was asked to contact Matt Shipkey about this offer.

### **Memorial Day Parade**

Supervisor John Coutant was asked to be Grand Marshall this year; therefore Supervisor Coutant asked Deputy Supervisor Kyle Barnett to give the address at the Riverview Cemetery. The parade is 10 am, Monday May 26<sup>th</sup>. It will kick off at 10 am from Dollar General and conclude at the Riverview Cemetery. As always the parade will return upon completion of the ceremony and end back at the Port Ewen Fire Station.

### **Assessment Board of Review – Resignation**

Chris Brown has resigned from the Assessment Board of Review

### **Volunteer Board Application**

Melonie Marino has submitted an application to volunteer for a vacant board position. She will be asked to come in for an interview.

Gilbert Ramos was approached by Joanna Mignone to submit a letter of interest to serve on the Assessment Board of Review. Town Board asked Town Clerk Holly Netter to contact Mr. Ramos to obtain a resume and references. At a later date an interview will be scheduled.

**Ulster County Planning Board Grants Announcements ( Klyne Esopus Museum)**

Supervisor John Coutant forwarded grant information to Cathy Quick for the purpose of preservation, restoration and interpretation of historical interior. Cathy Quick will look into the possibility of taking advantage of this opportunity on behalf of the Klyne Museum.

**Solar Update Transfer Station**

Supervisor Coutant notified the Board members that Randolph Horner would be contacting each of them individually tomorrow to update them on the status of the solar project at the transfer station.

**Miscellaneous**

The drafted contract for the Cable franchise was located and distributed to the Town Board for review and follow up.

Boy scouts asked permission to utilize the community center on June 7<sup>th</sup> for their annual picnic. The Town Board agreed to the request and waived the fee.

Boces has also been granted permission by the Town Board to utilize Freer Park on May 20<sup>th</sup> with a Rain date of May 21<sup>st</sup>. Fee has been waived.

A few months ago Councilperson Barnett had had been approached by the Bruderhof who wanted to have an informal mixer for the Town Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board. Councilperson Barnett will have them chose a date in June and will let everyone know when plans have been finalized.

**Adjournment**

**A Motion to adjourn at 8:20PM was made by Councilperson Kyle Barnett seconded by Councilperson Diane McCord. All Town Board Members voted in favor. Motion Carried.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

Holly A. Netter  
Town Clerk